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VACCINE POINTS

"Vaccine Points" is a bi-monthly communication distributed by the Hawaii Department of Health to all participating Vaccines for Children (VFC) providers.

Test your vaccine knowledge.

Question: HPV vaccine inadvertently administered subcutaneously instead of intramuscularly must be repeated.

- a) True
- b) False

https://www.immunize.org/askexperts/experts_hpv.asp#schedules

Source: Immunization Action Coalition's Ask the Experts

All data on the efficacy and duration of protection are based on a vaccine series administered by the intramuscular route. In the absence of data on the efficacy and safety of HPV given by the subcutaneous route, CDC and the manufacturer recommend that a dose of HPV vaccine given by any route other than intramuscular should be repeated. There is no minimum interval between the invalid (subcutaneous) dose and the repeat dose.

Answer: a) True

